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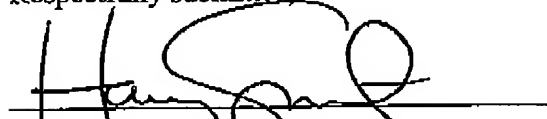
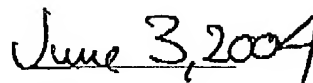
REMARKS

As a result of the foregoing preliminary amendment, the applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-19, to prosecute on the merits at this time. The foregoing preliminary amendment was not made for a reason related to patentability, and the full scope of equivalents for all of the pending claims should remain intact.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and remove the restriction requirement, at least for the reason that the Examiner has not demonstrated that the restriction is proper, or that an examination of all of the pending claims would place an undue burden on the Examiner.

As such, an early notification of the allowability of all of the pending claims 1-41 is earnestly solicited and, in the alternative, an early notification of the allowability of the elected claims 1-19 is earnestly solicited.

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